

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended)

A storage rack comprising:

- a) a base section that is adapted to be mounted on top of a land vehicle and which includes a frame which includes a first frame side element, a second frame side element, a first frame end element, a second frame end element, a longitudinal axis which extends between the first frame end element and the second frame end element, a transverse axis which extends between the first frame side element and the second frame side element, the ~~side~~ frame side elements intersecting the ~~end~~ frame end elements to form a polygon, a first corner formed at an intersection between the first frame end element and the first frame side element, a second corner formed at an intersection between the first frame end element and the second frame side element, a third corner formed at an intersection between the first frame side element and the second frame end element, a fourth corner formed at an intersection between the second frame end element and the second frame side element, the first frame side element being L-shaped and having a first flange that is a bottom flange when the frame is in a use orientation and a second flange that is a side flange when the frame is in the use orientation, the first frame end

element and the second frame end element being C-shaped, each C-shaped frame end element having a first flange that is a top flange when the frame is in the use orientation, a second flange which is a bottom flange when the frame is in the use orientation and a third flange which is a side flange when the frame is in the use orientation, the flanges of each C-shaped frame end element defining a channel, a longitudinal support element which is connected at a first end thereof to the first frame end element and at a second end thereof to the second frame end element, a transverse support element having a first end fixed to the first frame side element and a second end fixed to the second frame side element, a first leg fixed to the frame adjacent to the first corner, a second leg fixed to the frame adjacent to the second corner, a third leg fixed to the frame adjacent to the third corner, and a fourth leg fixed to the frame adjacent to the fourth corner, each leg having a first end that is a top end when the frame is in the use orientation and a second end that is a bottom end when the frame is in the use orientation, the first ends of the first and second legs being co-planar with each other in a first plane and the second ends of at least the first and second legs being co-planar with each other in a second plane that is spaced apart from the first plane, the frame side and end elements being co-planar with each other in a third plane, the third plane being spaced apart from the first and second planes with the third plane being located between the first and second planes;

- b) a first stop element on the ~~first~~ second frame side element of the frame adjacent to the second corner of the frame;
- c) a second stop element on the second frame side element of the frame adjacent to the fourth corner of the frame;
- d) an item-engaging section which includes a frame which includes a first frame side element, a second frame side element, a first frame end element, a second frame end element, a longitudinal axis which extends between the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and the second frame end element of the item-engaging section, a transverse axis which extends between the first frame side element of the item-engaging section and the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, the ~~side~~ frame side elements of the item-engaging section and the ~~end~~ frame end elements of the item-engaging section being coplanar with each other and contained in a first plane of the item-engaging section, the frame side elements of the item-engaging section intersecting the frame end elements of the item-engaging section to form a polygon, a first corner formed at an intersection between the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and the first frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second corner formed at an intersection between the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a third corner formed at an intersection between the first frame side element of the

item-engaging section and the second frame end element of the item-engaging section, a fourth corner formed at an intersection between the second frame end element of the item-engaging section and the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a longitudinal support element having a first end fixed to the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and a second end fixed to the second frame end element of the item-engaging section, a transverse support element having a first end fixed to the first frame side element of the item-engaging section and a second end fixed to the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a first roller element mounted on the item-engaging section adjacent to the first corner of the item-engaging section, a first axle rollably mounting the first roller to the item-engaging section, a second roller element mounted on the item-engaging section adjacent to the third corner of the item-engaging section, a second axle rollably mounting the second roller to the item-engaging section, the first roller element being rollably accommodated in the C-shaped first end element of the base section frame and moving between a storage position adjacent to the first corner of the base section frame and a use position adjacent to the second corner of the base section frame, the second roller element being rollably accommodated in the C-shaped second frame end element of the base section frame and moving between a storage position adjacent to the third corner of the base section frame and a use position adjacent to the fourth corner of

- base section frame, the frame elements of the item-engaging section being L-shaped and each having a first flange that is a top flange when the frame of the item-engaging section is in ~~the~~ a storage position and a second flange that is a side flange when the item-engaging section is in the storage position, a first corner support element having a first end fixed to the second corner of the item-engaging section and a second end spaced apart from the first end of the first corner support element, a second corner support element having a first end fixed to the fourth corner of the item-engaging section and a second end spaced apart from the first end of the second corner support element, the second ends of the corner support elements being co-planar with each other and being contained in a second plane of the item-engaging section, the second plane of the item-engaging section being spaced apart from the first plane of the item-engaging section;
- e) the item-engaging section being rotatable about the first and second axes between a storage position that has the first plane of the item-engaging section essentially co-planar with the third plane of the base section frame and a deployed position that has the first plane of the item-engaging section oriented at a right angle with respect to the third plane of the base section frame; and
- f) a handle which is U-shaped and has a first leg having a first end fixed to the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second end spaced apart from the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second

leg having a first end fixed to the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second end which is spaced apart from the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a bight section having a first end connected to the second end of the first leg and a second end connected to the second end of the second leg.

Claim 2. (original)

The storage rack as described in claim 1 further including a first item support element on the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and a second item support element on the second frame end element of the item-engaging section.

Claim 3. (original)

The storage rack as described in claim 1 further including a net on the item-engaging section.

Please add the following new claim:

Claim 4. (new)

A storage rack comprising:

- a) a base section adapted to be mounted on top of a land vehicle and including a frame having first and second L-shaped frame side elements each with a bottom

flange and a side flange, first and second C-shaped frame end elements each with a top flange, a bottom flange and a side flange wherein the flanges of each C-shaped frame end element define a channel and wherein the frame side elements and the frame end elements intersect to form a rectangle, and four legs wherein each is fixed to the base section frame adjacent to a respective one of the intersections between the frame side and frame end elements;

- b) first and second stop elements on the second frame side element of the base section frame, one adjacent to each of the first and second frame end elements;
- c) an item-engaging section including a frame having first and frame side elements and first and second frame end elements wherein the frame side elements and frame end elements of the item-engaging section intersect to form a rectangle, a first roller element rollably mounted on the first frame end element of the item-engaging section adjacent to the first frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second roller element rollably mounted on the second frame end element of the item-engaging section adjacent to the first frame side element of the item-engaging section wherein the first and second roller elements are rollably accommodated in a respective one of the C-shaped first and second frame end elements of the base section frame and movable between a storage position adjacent to the first frame side element of the base section frame and a use position adjacent to the second frame side element of the base section frame, first

and second corner support elements fixed to opposing ends of the second frame side element of the item-engaging section and adjacent to a respective one of the first and second frame end elements of the item-engaging section; and

- d) a handle fixed to the second frame side element of the item-engaging section; and
- e) wherein the item-engaging section is rotatable about the first and second roller elements and movable between a storage position wherein the frame of the item-engaging section is adjacent to the base section frame and a deployed position wherein the frame of the item-engaging section is oriented at a right angle with respect to the base section frame.